

marked for any office than there are persons to be voted for, such ballots shall not be counted for such candidate or delegates, or other persons to be voted for, as the case may be; but the whole ballot shall not for that reason be rejected for candidates for other offices or positions, if any.

Votes are not to be rejected because they are not marked with a black lead pencil when they are marked with an indelible pencil. *White v. Laird*, 127 Md. 123.

See notes to this section in volumes 1 and 3 of the Annotated Code.

1910, ch. 741, sec. 160 I (p. 122). 1916, ch. 292, sec. 1.

**186.** Nominations for Mayor, comptroller, president of the Second Branch City Council and members of the City of Baltimore shall be made by direct vote of the respective political parties at primary elections to be held in all respects according to the foregoing provisions, applicable to primary elections in Baltimore City, except that the day for holding the same shall be the first Tuesday of April of the year in which the Municipal Elections in said City of Baltimore are to be held on a different day from the general election. At every general registration held in Baltimore City, and in each and every county of the State, subsequent to April 11, 1910, there shall be provided in the registration books a distinct column headed "party affiliations," and the board of registers shall enter in this column the name of the political party, if any, to which the voter is inclined and with which the voter desires to have himself recorded as affiliated. It shall be the duty of the board of registry to explain to each voter that the statement of such party affiliation does not bind him to vote for the candidate of such party of any given election; also that he has the right to decline to state any party affiliations; but that no one who is not recorded upon the registry as affiliated with a particular political party will be qualified to vote at subsequent primary elections of said political party. Whenever a voter declines to state his party affiliation, the word "declined" shall be written opposite his name under such column, so that there shall be written in such column opposite the name of every registered voter, either his party affiliations or the word "declined." And in all primary elections thereafter held, any person so registered as affiliated with a given political party shall have the right to vote the official ballot of that party and of no other; and at any intermediate registration subsequent to the close of the next general registration, such voter may appear before the board of registry and, upon his identity being established to the satisfaction of the majority of the board of registry, to make, alter or strike out any entry in the column headed "party affiliations" opposite his name in the registry; it shall be the duty of the board of registry to enter in the column headed "remarks" the fact that such entry was made, altered or stricken out, and the date thereof.

Any registered voter who has declined to affiliate with any political party and opposite whose name under the column "party affiliation" is written the word "declined," or the word "independent" or any other